Deaths in Police Custody in Delhi

1434. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
DR. RUDRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 128 given in the Rajyja Sabha on the 4th September, 1991 and state the reasons for the increase in the number of deaths in Police custody in Delhi, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): No specific reasons for the increase in deaths in Police custody have been ascertained.

Attack on Minister of Commerce

1435. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Commerce Minister, Shri Chidambaram, was attacked by the demonstrators in Tamil Nadu to protest against the Centre's approach to Cauvery waters issue;

(b) if so, what are the details of the events of the protest, who organised it; whether MLAs of any Party were involved in protest demonstration and whether the demonstration was violent and what were the casualities; and

(c) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu was requested to stop such violent demonstrations against Central Ministers and if so, the response of the Tamil Nadu Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) As per information furnished by the Government of Tamil Nadu, black flag demonstrations were staged against Shri P. Chidambaram, Minister of State for Commerce, when he visited Tamil Nadu on the 16th and 17th August, 1991. Demonstrators broke through the barricade and the ensuing violence resulted in damage to 16 vehicles in the convoy and injuries to 44 persons including 13 Policemen in one incident and 77 persons including 14. Police personnel in the other near Karaikudi. A total of 61 persons were arrested.

The State Government have not reported involvement of MLAs in the demonstration.

There are standing instructions according to which State Governments are required to provide adequate security and make proper law and order arrangements to the Union Ministers while visiting States. These are reiterated from time to time.

Expenditure on Parliamentary Work

1436. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure being incurred by the Central Government on an oral and a written answer respectively; and

(b) the expenditure being incurred by Government on a sitting of Parliament (both Houses) per hour?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) There are at present no standing arrangements for compilation of the expenditure incurred by the Central Government on an oral and written answer and on a sitting of Parliament. The total expenditure incurred by the Central